System is uniform throughout the country,

(b) what is the national average per capita per month of allocation of Kerosene; and

(c) whether the tribal population of the State is taken into account while allocating Kerosene to the States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The national average per capita allocation of Kerosene per month (during 1993-94) is 1.09 litres (0.845 Kg.).

(c) Allocation of Kerosene is made to the States/UTs on historical basis.

एल० पी० जी० की मांग और आपूर्ति

5728. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्री वीरेन जे० शाह :

क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार द्वारा देश में एल०पी०जी की वार्षिक मांग का अनुमान लगाया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1993–94 के दौरान एल०पी०जी की मांग की मात्रा कितनी थी और इस अवधि के दौरान उपभोक्ताओं को कुल कितनी मात्रा में एल०पी०जी० की आपूर्ति की गयी थी;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि आपूर्ति की गयी गैस की मात्रा का एक बहुत बड़ा भाग आयात किया गया था;

(घ) यदि हां, तो एल० पी०जी०का स्वदेशी उत्पादन कितना था तथा आयातित गैस की मात्रा क्या थी; और

(ङ) स्वदेशी गैस के उत्पादन का प्रतिटन लागत अनुमानत: कितनी है और आयातित एल०पी०जी की प्रतिटन अनुमानित पहुंच लागत कितनी है ?

पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (घ) 1993–94 के दौरान सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र की तेल कम्पनियों के उपभोक्ताओं द्वारा एल०पी०जी०की खपत लगभग 3107 टी० एम० टी० थी। उसी अवधि के दौरान घरेलू उत्पादन 2699 टी०एम०टी० और आयात 415 टी०एम० टी० था। 1994–95 के दौरान एल०पी० जी० की अनुमानित मांग इस वर्ष के दौरान नए उपभोक्ताओं का नामांकन पर निर्भर करेगी।

(ङ) 1993–94 के दौरान एल० पी० जी० (बल्क) के उत्पादन की औसत लागत 6800 रुपये प्रति एम०टी० रही हैं। 1993–94 के लिए आयातित एल० पी० जी० (बल्क) की उतराई पर अनुमानित लागत लगभग 9900 रुपये प्रति एम० टी० थी।

Shortage of Kerosene and LPG in Gujarat

5729. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any shortage of LPG/Kerosene have come to the notice of Government during the last two years in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the reasons for such shortage; and

(c) the details of the steps taken to improve the supply of LPG/Kerosene to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) According to the LPG marketing oil companies, the demand of existing customers of Gujarat for LPG was met by and large in full. Temporary backlogs in LPG supplies were cleared by augmenting supplies through operation of LPG bottling plants during the extended hours and on Sundays and holidays for

meeting the full demand of LPG in the affected markets. Kerosene is an allocated product. Release of Kerosene during 1992-93 and 1993-94 was in accordance with allocations made to the State.

Exploration of oil reserves by International Companies

5730. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to open the exploration of oil reserves to international companies in the areas exclusively reserved for ONGC;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any negotiations have been made with the foreign companies in this regard; if so, whether any decision has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the manner in which Government propose to open the exploration of the oil reserves to international companies ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Government to India offers specified blocks for exploration of oil and gas on a continuous round-the-year basis at an interval of about six months. These blocks are identified by the Government of India after consultation with ONGC and OIL, and cover areas where ONGC & OIL do not have firm exploration programmes in the near future. After receipt of bids, negotiations with the bidders are held and Production Sharing Contracts are signed with the successful bidders.

Import of petroleum products

5731. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import petroleum products during 1994-95; and

(b) if so, the nature of the deals finalised for the import of petroleum products stating the quantity of the petroleum products proposed to be imported; the cost involved (in foreign exchange) and the estimated rise in the demand of petroleum products during 1994-95 and the estimated indigenous production to meet the demand ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Oil Corporation have so far finalised contracts for supplies of following quantities of petroleum products during 1994-95:

(Quantity/MMT)*
(Value in US $/Million)*

	SKO	HSD	LPG	FO	LUBES	TOTAL
Quantity	1.000	2.024	0.087	0.050	0.033	3.194
Value	210	396	17	4	15	642

*Provisional.

The estimated rise in demand of petroleum products in 1994-95 is about 5.8% (Provisional) over 1993-94.

The estimated indigenous production is likely to be 51.74 MMT to meet this demand.